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drafted in such a way that if any one of them is adopted, it will go a long way toward pacifying that beast which is raging within me, Senator Jensen. So let me tell you what this one would do. I am amending AM7158, and on page 31, in line 6, I would strike "15,000,000" and also strike "8,000,000". I would insert "10,800,000" and actually I didn't have to strike the 8,000,000 because I am not dealing with that, I decided. Here is what I would do here. The amount contained in LB 858, which was a bill offered by five of the Lincoln area senators to require that 1 percent of the university's budget be earmarked for recruitment and retention of female faculty and staff and people of color, that amount would be about \$4,200,000. I don't care which part of the university's hide I take it from. This amendment would subtract \$4,200,000 from this first year of this project. As Senator Brown pointed out, there are private funds that will come into play. I am not touching those because those people are outside the scope of any amendments that I would offer. If they choose to come up with 4,200,000 more dollars, fine, but I want the university to feel this. So what this amendment would do is to decrease this \$15 million appropriation for that fiscal year, '97 and '98, decrease it by \$4,200,000, which would leave \$10,800,000. I started to be mean and subtract another million from the 8 million, and that's why it's a part of this amendment, but I changed my mind and decided not to tinker with that, only \$4,200,000. I'd like to ask Senator Brown a question.

SENATOR CROSBY: Senator Brown, will you yield for a question?

SENATOR BROWN: Yes, Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Senator Brown, since you are the primary advocate for this bill, this project, in terms of speaking for it this morning, if this \$4,200,000 would be stricken, do you think this project could go forward anyway, and then at a future date try to make up for the difference, make up the difference?

SENATOR BROWN: I would have some question about whether the project could go forward.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Then let me ask it like this,.... Oh, go ahead.